Principal's Report
Welcome back to Killara for Term 3. It has been a fantastic start to the term and I have been thrilled to see all of our students working so hard and approaching the new term with such enthusiasm.

KPS School Bus
It was a delight to greet the children on Monday morning as they alighted from our new KPS school bus service. This new bus service has been introduced for Killara Public School students following a request to the Department of Transport. The new service departs from Killara Station, Locksley St at 8:55am each school day and will arrive at Killara Public School (Calvert Ave) at 9:02am. In the afternoon the bus will depart Killara Public School (Calvert Ave) at 3:33pm each school day and will arrive at Killara Station, Locksley St at 3:40pm. Please come and see the office for a bus pass application form if your child is eligible. I would like to encourage families to make use of this new service as it is a great transport option for your children to travel to and from school each day.

Education Week
Next week we will celebrate Education Week. It is a time to celebrate the quality teaching and learning that occurs every day at Killara Public School. I warmly welcome you to the Education Week events planned for next week. All parents and friends are invited to join us on Tuesday 28 July for our Open Day. At 1:30pm we will be holding a Performing Arts Concert and then at 2:30pm visit our classrooms to share in our work and achievements. A letter was sent home to all families yesterday inviting families to this special day of celebration.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
The places we have available for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 are filling quickly. Over the next few weeks I will begin meeting with all our new students as I conduct enrolment interviews. Our transition to school program gets underway later this term with our Kindergarten 2016 playgroup on Wednesday 9 September. Special invites for this playgroup session will be sent home soon. Our final School Tour for this year will take place on Thursday 6 August. Please contact the office if you wish to book into this tour. If you have a child or know of a family considering enrolling at Killara in 2016 please encourage them to contact the school as a matter of urgency to get the enrolment process underway.
Attendance Reminder
As mentioned in our last newsletter, at the end of last term our Home School Liaison Officer, Louise Brennan, visited Killara Public School to review student absences. On the whole she reported that our school attendance was satisfactory however was concerned at the number of students arriving late in the morning as well as the number of students who are taken out of school to attend after school activities and appointments which should be organised after school hours or in the school holidays. I would like to reinforce the importance of children arriving at school on time each morning. When students arrive after the school bell at 9:10am in the morning they;

- MISS the important social interactions with friends before the bell that can relax them and set them up positively for the work day ahead.
- MISS the start of lessons so that learning becomes disjointed and difficult.
- MISS the morning greetings, messages, roll call, collection of notes etc.
- Distract other children when they arrive and interrupt the momentum of the group.

Mrs Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

Killara’s Diving Sensation

KPS is proud to announce that we have a star in the making. Sofia in Year 4 recently competed at the Elite Junior National Diving Championships at the Sydney Aquatic centre and achieved amazing results. She competed in the National Elite Pathways program Level 2 and came 9th individually and received a silver medal with her syncro partner. To make this effort even more impressive, the girls she competed against were 9 -17 years old and are selected for this elite program by Diving Australia with teams from NSW, VIC, SA, WA and QLD.

We are so proud of Sofia's achievements and look forward to following her in upcoming events (maybe the Olympics!).

Congratulations Sofia from all students, staff and parents of KPS.

Luke Thompson
Sports Teacher

News From HQ
Your eldest child has received your Term 3 invoice last week. Please make payment as soon as possible. Remember you can pay online though our website, or cash, cheque and EFTPOS at the school office.
**What’s Happening In 2J**

**Reading Groups**
In Term 3 students will be participating in activities to improve their fluency, expression and comprehension. Students will work together in groups to participate in a reader’s theatre where they will read scripts. They will also use the Ipads to record themselves read passages more than once so that they can improve their fluency and expression.

**Guided Writing**
Every Friday students choose a topic for creative writing to complete in their personal writing journals. Each fortnight they meet with Mrs Renwick to review their recent writing and to set new personal goals for their writing.

**English Conceptual Unit**
In Term 3 we are learning about the concepts of *Setting and Atmosphere*. In this unit we are studying texts by the author Anthony Browne to understand how composers use language, structure and audio and visual elements to create setting and atmosphere. Each fortnight we look at a different text and complete various activities related to the book including: working with a thinking partner to predict, clarify and summarise key aspects of the text.

*Julie Renwick and Jen MacKay*
*Classroom Teachers*
Band News

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term for the band program at Killara PS.

Firstly can I say a massive congratulations to all who took part in the Winter Band Bash at the end of last term. I’m sure you will all agree how well all musicians performed and what a great way it was to end the term.

All band rehearsals and tutorials are now under way. Make sure you always come prepared with instrument, music, pencil and any accessories you will need.

Have a great term of music making everyone and I look forward to our first performance of Term 3!

Term 3 Performances!

- NSW Band Festival, Senior Band – Week 2 Sunday 26 July
- Education Week Performance, Senior Band – Week 3 Tuesday 28 July
- Junior Spotlight, Junior Band - TBC

What to practise!

- Junior Band – Junior Band should now be starting to work towards page 14 and 15 for the end of the term as well as their new piece which they will be getting next week.
- Senior Band – The NSW Band Festival pieces are Australian Medley and Happy.

Practise tip – Get your equipment ready

Before each practice session, make sure all the materials you will need are prepared and within easy reach. Aside from your musical instrument of course, here are other things you can use during your practice sessions

Section of the week!

This week it goes to the……..Flute section!!!

Richard Sandham
KPS Program Manager

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Mandarin Language Club

The Mandarin Stars program offers:
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes on Thursday afternoons
3:30pm – 4:30pm for K-2 Students
4:30pm – 5:30pm for Yr 3-6 Students

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Merit Awards
Term 3 Week 1
3B  Son, Kayla and Young
3I  Josh, Freyja and Yi
4/3C Andres, Angelina and Eve
4B  Liam, Christopher and Jessica
5C  Lainey, Portia and Deen
6/5F Hwany, Phoebe and Ian
6/5M Jason, Ying and Sunny
Sport  Emily (4/3C) Mitchell (5C)

Certificate Of Merit
The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Ariel L (1B) and Isabel D (2/1S)

Up And Coming Events
Term 3
27 July – Back up Athletics Carnival
28 July – Education week Open Day
28 July – ICAS English
29 July – Muogamarra Excursion
29 July – P & C Meeting
30 July – Muogamarra Excursion
  6 Aug – School Tour at 10am
11 Aug – ICAS Maths
17 Aug – School Photos
18 Aug – School Photos
18 Aug – RSS Rehearsal
19 Aug – Yr 6 SSO Excursion
24 Aug – Book Week
24 Aug – Stage 2 Drama Incursion
26 Aug – P & C Meeting
  4 Sept – Father’s Day Breakfast
7-18 Sept – Yr 2 Swim Scheme
  9 Sept - Kindy 2016 Playgroup
16 Sept – Cinderella Incursion – K-6
18 Sept – Last Day Term 3
  6 Oct – Students resume for Term 4